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SUBJECT: EA/ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. AIRBUS VS. DC-10 -- STILL NO DECISION (CONFIDENTIAL)

IN SPITE OF CONTINUED PRESSURE FROM OUR SIDE, INCLUDING
AMBASSADOR UNGER'S RAISING THE ISSUE WITH THE PRIME
MINISTER, THE GROC STILL HAS MADE NO DECISION ON WHETHER
TO PURCHASE TWO MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS DC-10'S AND TWO
EUROPEAN A-300 AIRBUSES OR TO BUY FOUR AIRBUSES. APPARENTLY
THE GROC STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM PARIS OF
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE'S REPORTED OFFER OF LANDING RIGHTS IN
FRANCE AS PART OF THE DEAL FOR PURCHASE OF THE FOUR
AIRBUSES. A TELEGRAM INSPIRED BY TREASURY ADDRESSED TO
BOTH PARIS AND TAIPEI NOTING OUR OBJECTIONS TO THE ALLEGED
DEAL HAS BEEN CIRCULATING THIS WEEK FOR INTERAGENCY
CLEARANCE AND IS EXPECTED FINALLY TO GET OUT THIS AFTER-
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2. PREPARATIONS FOR SECOND ROUND OF US/ROC TRADE TALKS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

INTERESTED AGENCIES HAVE BEEN HEAVILY ENGAGED THIS WEEK
IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF US/ROC BILATERAL

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. ADDITIONAL REQUESTS HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUPS, HAVE RECEIVED INTER-AGENCY CLEARANCE, AND WILL BE CARRIED TO TAIPEI BY THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR THE TALKS TAKING PLACE AUGUST 17-18. GROC RESPONSES TO OUR EARLIER OFFER AND REQUEST LISTS WERE BROUGHT BACK TO WASHINGTON BY ROC EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR HU AND ARE BEING CIRCULATED FOR INTER-AGENCY COMMENT. THE U.S. TEAM ALSO WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATED TO U.S. IMPORTS OF COLOR TVS FROM TAIWAN AND THE NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENT.

3. US/ROC TEXTILES CONSULTATIONS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

FIVE DAYS OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WERE CONCLUDED IN TAIPEI ON AUGUST 4. A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH WAS OBTAINED FOR THE USG IN PERSUADING THE ROC TO ACCEPT REDUCED EXPORT LEVELS IN THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE CATEGORIES COMPRISING KNIT SWEATERS. THE GROC WAS VERY COOPERATIVE IN MAKING ADJUSTMENTS IN 1978 QUOTAS FOR 1977 OVERSHIPMENTS IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES.

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